



## National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

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Office of the Chairman

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Huerta:

Thank you for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) June 26, 2012, letter to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) regarding Safety Recommendation A-12-8, stated below. The NTSB issued this recommendation to the FAA on April 10, 2012, as a result of our investigation of the September 16, 2011, loss of control and collision with the airport ramp in the spectator box seat area of a modified North American P-51D at the National Championship Air Races at Reno Stead Airport, Reno, Nevada.

### A-12-8

Revise Federal Aviation Administration Order 8900.1, Flight Standards Information Management System, volume 3, chapter 6, section 1, paragraph 3-151 and Advisory Circular [AC] 91-45C, "Waivers: Aviation Events," to correct inaccurate and incomplete information and reconcile all differences and inconsistencies between the documents.

We note that the FAA is currently drafting a revision to Order 8900.1, "Flight Standards Information Management System," adding section 2 to Volume 3, Chapter 6; this new section specifically addresses air races and will replace the information previously contained in Volume 3, Chapter 6, section 1, paragraph 3-151. According to the FAA's response, the revision will correct any inaccuracies or omissions, and AC 91-45C will also be revised accordingly. Pending completion of these actions, Safety Recommendation A-12-8 is classified "Open—Acceptable Response."

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Sincerely,

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Deborah A.P. Hersman  
Chairman

cc: Ms. Linda Lawson, Director  
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Office of Transportation Policy